equipments is not made available to New Co-operative sugar factories in Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Government have received any recommendations from the Government of Maharashtra to extend the loan facility of the Sugar Development Fund to the New Cooperative sugar factories; and

(c) if so, the decisions of the Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) According to prevalent practice, sugar mills which have conducted trial crushing or are in operation are eligible for loans from Sugar Development Fund (SDF) for cane development schemes. For availing SDF loans for modernisation, a sugar undertaking must have been operational for a minimum of seven crushing seasons after starting regular crushing.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As stated in (a) above.

**Sick Industrial Units in Karnataka**

3105. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of mini, micro and macro cement plants which are sick in Karnataka;

(b) whether the Government of Karnataka has written letters to Union Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to help Karnataka to overcome the sickness in the units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN) : (a) It has been reported by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) that six cement units of Karnataka have made a reference to them under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 (SICA).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As per the new Industrial Policy, licensing/registration has been abolished for all industrial undertakings including MRTP/FERA Companies intending to take up manufacture of cement. Price and distribution controls on cement industry were removed with effect from 1-3-89. Government closely monitor the availability of coal. Railway wagons and other infrastructural support to the cement industry and remedial action is taken wherever necessary.

In order to improve the economic viability of mini cement plants, the excise duty on cement manufactured by mini cement plants with certain specific capacities has been reduced to Rs. 90/- per tonne from the basic duty of Rs. 215/- per tonne.

*[Translation]*

**Enquiries against Senior Government Officers**

3106. SHRI SIMON MARANDI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation has conducted enquiries against the senior officers of the Central Government departments in Bihar for corruption and irregularities;

(b) if so, the number of officers against whom enquiries have been conducted during the last two years year-wise;

(c) the number of cases in which charge-sheets have been filed in the courts; and

(d) the steps taken to dispose of the remaining cases expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is as under:

| Year | No. of officers involved |
|---|---|
| 1989 | 6 |
| 1990 | 4 |

(c) One.

(d) 1 case has been reported for Regular Departmental Action, 1 case has been referred to the Department concerned for suitable action and 3 cases are being regularly monitored for expeditious disposal.

*[English]*

**Price of Levy Sugar**

3107. SHRI ANKUSHRAO RAO-SAHEB TOPE:
SHRI ANNA JOSHI:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sugar factories in some states are undertaking the work relating to harvesting and transport of cane from the field to the factory;

(b) if so, whether the expenditure incurred thereon is included in the computation of levy sugar price for these zones; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether the Government propose to review the same while fixing the levy price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Sugar factories in the States of Maharashtra and Gujarat and a few sugar factories in certain other States are reported to be undertaking work relating to harvesting and transport of cane from the field to the factory.

(b) and (c) Transport and harvesting costs of sugarcane to the extent they are included in the Statutory Minimum Price of sugarcane and the conversion cost schedules of the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices, are taken into account for fixing the ex-factory prices of levy sugar.

**Drinking Water Supply Schemes of Andhra Pradesh**

3108. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
DR. D. VENKATESWARA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have submitted proposals for some drinking water supply schemes for approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Union Government have extended assistance to the State Government for the purpose; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the schemes are likely to be approved and assistance granted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the Projects submitted by State Government of Andhra Pradesh for bilateral assistance are as under:—